NEW HAMPSHIRE'S CHILDREN 2016

New Hampshire's Children at a Glance¹

State Population ²	_1,326,813	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁵	13%
Population, Children Under 18 ³	267,286	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁶	11.2%
State Poverty Rate ⁴	9.2%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷	16.4%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2014, New Hampshire had 15,184 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 9,289 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2014, there were 646 victims of abuse or neglect in New Hampshire, a rate of 2.4 per 1,000 children, decreasing 21.4% from 2013. Of these children, 79.1% were neglected, 8.7% were physically abused, and 15.5% were sexually abused.
- The number of child victims has decreased 24.1% in comparison to the number of victims in 2010. 10
- In 2014, there was 1 child death resulting from abuse or neglect reported in New Hampshire. 11
- 885 children in New Hampshire lived apart from their families in out-of-home care in 2014, compared with 839 children in 2010. Of the children living apart from their families in 2013, there were 259 aged 5 or younger, and 206 were 16 or older.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has increased 5.5% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2010.¹³
- In 2013, of children in out-of-home care in New Hampshire, 76% were white, 4% were black, 9% were Hispanic, 1% were American Indian/Alaskan Native, less than 1% were Asian or Pacific Islander and 9% were of more than one race or ethnicity/undetermined race or ethnicity.¹⁴

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 432 children exiting out-of-home care in 2013 in New Hampshire, 51% were reunited with their parents or primary caretakers.¹⁵
- 120 children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency in New Hampshire in 2014, increasing 9.1% from 110 in 2013.¹⁶
- Of the 885 children in out-of-home care in 2014, there were 159 or 18% waiting to be adopted. 17
- In 2014, approximately 8,202 grandparents in New Hampshire had the primary responsibility of caring for their grandchildren. ¹⁸



• 152 of the children in out-of-home care in 2013 were living with relatives while in care. 19

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in New Hampshire decreased from 6,567 in 2014 to 5,846 in 2015, a 11% change. 2,913 families received TANF in 2015, decreasing 8.1% from 2014.²⁰
- From 2013 to 2014, for every 100 of families living in poverty in New Hampshire, 24 received TANF benefits. 21
- \$60,180,011 was spent in 2014 on TANF assistance in New Hampshire, including 36% on basic assistance, 0% on child care, 0% on transportation, and 60% on nonassistance. 22
- \$5,738,588 was spent in 2014 on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in New Hampshire, serving 14,736 participants.²³
- In 2014, New Hampshire distributed \$81,882,654 in child support funds, decreasing 0.7% from 2013.²⁴
- 95,000 children in New Hampshire lived in households with a high housing burden in 2013, where more than 30% of
 monthly income is spent on housing costs.²⁵
- In 2014, the unemployment rate in New Hampshire was 4.3%.²⁶
- 10% of households in New Hampshire were food insecure on average from 2012 to 2014, meaning that the family experienced difficulty providing enough food due to lack of resources at some point during the year. ²⁷

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2014, New Hampshire had a monthly average of 5,200 children served by subsidized child care. An average of 5,400 children received subsidized child care per month in 2013 and 5,400 were recepients in 2012.²⁸
- In 2014, to be eligible for subsidized child care in New Hampshire, a family of three could make no more than \$49,475 at application, which is equivalent to 60% of the state's median income.²⁹
- As of early 2015, New Hampshire had no children on its waiting list for child care assistance.³⁰
- In 2014, Head Start served 1,650 children in New Hampshire, increasing 1.98% from 2013.31

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 94,153 children in New Hampshire were enrolled in Medicaid in 2014, increasing 15.1% from 2013.³²
- In 2014, New Hampshire had 16,523 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, decreasing 10.2% from 2013, when 18,392 children were enrolled.³³



- In 2014, New Hampshire had 11,701 uninsured children.³⁴
- 852 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in New Hampshire in 2014.³⁵
- 70 infants under age 1 died in New Hampshire in 2013.³⁶
- In 2014, the birth rate for teens ages 15 to 17 in New Hampshire was 4.4 births per 1,000 girls. The rate was 19.6 for teens ages 18 to 19. This reflects a total rate of 11 births for girls ages 15 to 19.³⁷
- Cumulative through 2014, there were 1,329 adults and adolescents and 10 children younger than 13 reported as having HIV/AIDS in New Hampshire.³⁸
- In 2014, an estimated 6,000 children ages 12 to 17 and 102,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in New Hampshire.³⁹
- In 2014, approximately 3,000 children ages 12 to 17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴⁰
- In 2014, approximately 4,000 children ages 12 to 17 needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year. 41

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- 55 children in New Hampshire aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in 2013.42
- 87% of high school students in New Hampshire graduated on time at the end of the 2012-13 year. 43
- 4,000 teens ages 16 to 19 in New Hampshire were not enrolled in school and not working in 2014.⁴⁴
- 14,000 young adults ages 18 to 24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school in 2013.⁴⁵
- 45.1% of young adults in New Hampshire ages 25 to 34 had an associate's degree or higher from 2011 to 2013.
- In 2014, there were less than 10 reports of children in New Hampshire aged 10 to 14 committing suicide, and 10 reports of suicide among children aged 15 to 19.⁴⁷

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- Less than 10 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in New Hampshire in 2014, similar to the number reported in 2013.⁴⁸
- 4,199 children younger than 18 were arrested in New Hampshire in 2014. Violent crimes were the reason for 96 of the arrests in 2014.⁴⁹



• 78 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in New Hampshire in 2013.⁵⁰

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE⁵¹

- The federal Child and Family Service Reviews have clearly demonstrated that the more time a caseworker spends with a child and family, the better the outcomes for those children and families.⁵²
- According to a 2003 GAO report, the average caseload for child welfare/foster care caseworkers is 24–31 children; these
 high caseloads contribute to high worker turnover and insufficient services being provided to children and families. CWLA
 recommends that foster care caseworkers have caseloads of 12–15 children.⁵³
- Average turnover rates for child welfare agencies range from 20% to 40%.⁵⁴ Turnover rates at around 10% are considered to be optimal in any agency.⁵⁵
- Caseworker turnover has negative outcomes for children in the child welfare system, including placement disruptions and increased time in out-of-home care. ⁵⁶
- According to the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being II baseline report, 75% of caseworkers earned a salary between \$30,000 and \$49,999.⁵⁷
- The majority of caseworkers hold a bachelor's degree (52.3%) or a bachelor of social work degree (21.9%). Only 25% of caseworkers hold a master's degree. 58
- A workload model in Colorado found that approximately 574 additional caseworkers were needed in their state to
 adequately provide child welfare services, due to estimated time requirements for meaningful services. This number
 represents a 49% increase that is needed on top of hours already spent on case related tasks.⁵⁹

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE'S CHILDREN

- In 2012, New Hampshire spent \$64,589,806 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, \$28,806,164 was from federal funds, \$34,892,794 from state funds, and \$890,848 from local funds. 60
- In 2012, of the \$28,806,164 in federal funds received for child welfare, 51.1% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 4.6% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 20.5% was from Medicaid, 5.3% came from Social Services Block Grant, 12.2% was from TANF, and 6.1% came from other federal sources.⁶¹
- New Hampshire received \$10,148,552 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2012, including \$1,458,717 for maintenance payments and \$8,689,835 for administration, child placement, the statewide automated child welfare information system, and training.⁶²

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